



Parish Matters

Welcome...

to our weekly edition of Parish Matters – we hope you enjoy catching up with news and prayers from the Parish.

Sunday 14th April

The Third Sunday of Easter

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with
boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your
risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Eco Church Prayer for April

At this time of new life, we praise
you for the power of your
creation. The bodily resurrection
of Christ proclaims the promised
re-creation of the universe.
In the renewal of the natural
world, in the blossom of trees and
the birth of animals, help us to
celebrate your many gifts of
springing hope and fresh
beginnings. Amen

Welcome to today's service

Doing what is right

Prayers

Prayers & Readings: Monthly prayers and the daily lectionary readings are available in Sunrise and on the parish website. www.potr-alton.co.uk

Prayer Cascade. If you need prayer for any reason please contact pray4potr@gmail.com. A prayer team will pray regularly for each request. Please pray for each person by name.

Those who are ill and require prayer: Bethan, Charlotte, Jenny Thompson, Sarah Broadbent, Sally Stoodley, Dennis Milns, Alex Cannon, Paddy Mendham, Jill, Jenny Lawrence, Judith Shadey, Ben, David, Barry

Edwards, Wendy Smith, Ingrid Owen-Jones, Faye Ellen Compton and Ann Duff.

If you or someone you know would like to be included here please let Philippa Penfold know (office@potr-alton.co.uk)

Those who are bereaved – families and friends of Patricia Christmas, Gillian Wevill, Kathie Baines, Margaret Blackman, Jean Hearne, Ian Mitchell, Brian Porter, Audrey Pink, Joyce March and Lesley Wilson.

Proclaiming the Risen Jesus, Steadfast in faith, Active in Service

This week's extra Services

- **Facebook Live Morning Prayer** Weekdays at 9am @POTRAAlton
- **Teddies** toddler group in St Lawrence Church Monday at 9.30am
- **GAP Traidcraft Coffee Morning**, every Tuesday from 10-12 at Alton Methodist Church
- **Holybourne Coffee morning** followed by Prayers on Tuesday 10am-11.45am (Prayers 11:45 am to 12 noon) at Church of the Holy Rood.
- **Teddies** toddler group in Holyrood Church 9.45am on Wednesday
- **Holy Communion** at All Saints at 10am on Wednesday

Please see our website www.potr-alton.co.uk for a full list of church services, news and events for this month.

News and notices

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) We are having to change the date of our APCM – it will now be on **Wednesday 22nd May**. We are beginning to get the papers for this meeting together. One of the first things we need to do is to update The Electoral Roll, which is our membership list. There are over 300 names on this but if you are not on it and want to be, then you need to complete the Electoral Roll form which can be found on our website www.potr-alton.co.uk and send it back to the Parish Office - office@potr-alton.co.uk Thank you.

Alton Walking Church for Men The next beautiful walk will take place on **Wednesday 17th April** 6.00pm for an evening walk in and around Froyle, meeting at The Hen and Chicken. The walk will take about 90 minutes with time to pray and reflect followed by a light bite in the pub. Contact Robin on 07957 653403 or email him on familykemp@tiscali.co.uk

Church@4 Next Sunday **21st April** we join together for Church@4 in the Parish Centre. We will be looking at 'Jesus risen from the dead' with craft,

singing, worship, refreshments and will eat together after the service. Everybody is welcome.

Come and Sing Evensong Sunday 21st April at St Lawrence Church. Open to everyone, especially if you enjoy singing but do not wish to join the choir. Music will be provided. **Rehearsal from 3.30pm with Evensong starting at 6pm.** For further information, please contact Tony Willman tony.willman@mac.com

Men's Breakfast We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Holybourne at 8.30am on **Saturday 27th April** for our usual delicious 'full English' breakfast, all for just 10. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent speaker, Professor Julian Evans OBE, whose talk is titled 'God's Trees 3.' If you have not attended the breakfast for a while we would love to see you again. Please reply to Tim Codling by email: tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk or telephone him on 01420 80388 by **Wednesday 24th April.**

The Bereavement Journey Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long-term effects of loss? The Bereavement Journey is a seven week series of short videos and focussed conversations which provide a safe space for you to process your bereavement and discern your next steps. Topics include attachment; separation and loss; difficult feelings; rites of passage; the impact and pain of bereavement; coping with others; coping with change; moving forward; and an optional session on questions of faith. Friday mornings, 10am - 12 noon, May 3rd - June 21st (no meeting on May 31st) at The Alton Maltings Centre. Suggested voluntary contribution £20.

To book your place, or to find out more about it, please email bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk or phone Wendy Burnhams 07514280362

Fresh start Course If you have a life-controlling habit such as smoking, gambling, drinking, over-eating, internet addiction, shopping compulsions, drugs, etc but is now spoiling your daily living - why not try a course called Fresh Start. A 9-week course run by Harvest Church, Alton. It's based on principles from the Bible and the 12-steps-of-recovery process, backed by 1-to-1 coaching and a support group of others wanting to tackle their habits. And it's free and completely confidential. See <https://harvestchurch.uk/fresh-start>. The next course will start with an Introduction session on **Tuesday 30th April 2024**, 10:30am-12:00, at Alton Maltings, led by Trevor and Ann. Register for the course by calling Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or freshstart@harvestchurch.uk.

Alton Foodbank Thank you for your continuing support. If you would like to donate this April, they are in need of the following; tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, sponged puddings (longlife), tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, baked beans. They currently have good supplies of soup. Thank you so much.

**Next Sunday Service 21st April
Practising Love**

9.30am	Communion Service	Holy Rood Church
10.30am	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church
10.30am	Communion Service	All Saints Church
4pm	Church@4	Parish Centre
6pm	Come and Sing Evensong	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	<i>St Mary's Church, Bentworth</i>
6pm	Evensong	<i>ST Peter & St Paul's, Shalden</i>

The Ministry Team

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The Parish Office will be open Monday to Wednesday 9am – 12pm and closed Thursday 18th April and Friday 19th April (Ellie will be working from home on these days and will respond to emails)

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